

Questions on the Text

1. What are New Year's resolutions?
2. Why does Adrian think that his spot is growing?
3. When the dog has the operation, what does the vet find? Why?
4. Exactly how old is Adrian at the beginning of his diary?
5. Why did Adrian think Nigel was being polite when he told him that he was going to the doctor?
6. Why did Adrian decide to go and see a private doctor?
7. Adrian took some comic books to a 'poor family'. Why did he think they were poor?
8. Why did Adrian think he would probably be a teenage criminal out on the streets?
9. Why does Adrian have to visit a man called Bert Baxter?
10. Where did Adrian's mother get a job?
11. Why is Adrian angry with Nigel?
12. Adrian says that his father is cross because Mr Lucas doesn't want to see him. What do you think the real reason is?
13. Why does Mr Lucas stay with Adrian's family?
14. Why does Adrian wish he knew karate?
15. What happened when Adrian's father went fishing? What happened when he arrived home?
16. Where does Pandora live? How does Adrian find this out?
17. How did Adrian find out his parents were separating?
18. How did Adrian's grandmother feel about his parents' divorce?
19. Why did Adrian hide his father's shaving razor?

20. What did Adrian think after his weekend with Nigel?
21. Why did Adrian tell his mother about his father and Doreen Slater?
22. What was Adrian's reaction when the postman told him that Adrian's mother was coming to visit on Saturday?
23. What did Adrian's father do with the flowers he had bought for his wife?
24. What happened when Adrian's grandmother found Adrian and his father reading by candlelight?
25. Who solved Adrian's problem with Barry Kent?
26. Why does Adrian hope that Bert Baxter doesn't die?
27. Why does Pandora think Adrian's father is racist?
28. What did Pandora say she had done with the money for Adrian's present?
29. Why did Pandora tell Adrian they shouldn't see each other for a while?
30. Why is Adrian so worried about the operation to remove his tonsils?
31. Why did Adrian burn the telephone bill at the bonfire party?
32. Why did Adrian's mother leave Mr Lucas?
33. Why did they have Christmas lunch four hours late?
34. Why did Adrian believe Bert and Queenie's wedding was a waste of time?
35. Why did Pandora refuse to make love with Adrian?
36. Why didn't Pandora send Adrian a birthday card?
37. What happened to Adrian when he sniffed the glue on the model plane?